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HIGH SCHOOL 96-97





# The Eagles

Deland Weldon High School  
304 East Illinois Route 10  
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Dee Jay Remmers,  
Hiter and Kevin Westray  
their way to class.

Above Right: Valerie  
Kissack, Nathan Rogers, and  
Travis Hermann show their  
number one attitude.



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Right: Marissa Michael and Brett Herman show their school spirit.



Above: Betsy Twist and Jesse Barr celebrate the good times here at DWHS.



Above: Dustin Austin celebrates with enthusiasm.

Right: Jarah Roos shares a number one smile while making her way to class.





# ONE *number*

We're number one

## In School Spirit

There is a winning spirit here at DeLand Weldon. We are not talking about size, but pride. This pride in our school can be seen in all that we do. As we learn the disciplines of academics, the enrichment of the arts, and the thrill of inter-scholastic competition, we do so with enthusiasm. We have a growing awareness that our experiences will make our lives better today as well as in the future. A mixture of fun and hard work propels us forward. This book celebrates these good times. As you browse through these pages, you will see our spirit is number one!



# ADMINISTRATION



Superintendent  
Principal  
Mr. Tom Birge

Mr. Birge is our District Superintendent and High School Principal. He oversees the business of the schools and works with students, teachers, parents and the school board. He works to keep us number one in spirit and attitude.



Above: Melody Stewart, Unit Bookkeeper, works at her computer.



Right: Judy Carr takes a moment from her many tasks to offer a friendly greeting.

It has been said that the school secretary is the one who knows everything that goes on around the local school. On a practical level, and from day to day, Judy and Mel keep things organized and coordinated. The things they do are numerous and essential to the school's success. A word of special appreciation to both these fine ladies for a job well done.



Judy Carr  
Unit Office



Melody Stewart  
Superintendent Office

## SECRETARIES



# Deland Weldon School Board



(L-R): Russell Smith, Jim Barton, Debra Dalton, Nancy Remmers, Joyce Shofner, Mary Atteberry,  
Not shown: Dean Bush

## Custodians



Kenneth Morris, Larry Plotner, Not shown:  
Barbara Nichols

## Cooks



(L-R): Carolyn Neibarger, Gina Leischner,  
Louis Kallembach, Shirley Clifton.  
Not shown: Edith Baker, Mary Olson

**Deland Weldon High School**  
*"Home of the Eagles"*





Left: Jennifer Fisher, Carrie Crozier and Marikay Altes enjoy a few moments of relaxation.

Below Left: Levi Lawrence and Donnie Hager joke around in the hall.

Below: Kathy Nichols takes a spirited step forward in her education.



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# Faculty Members at Deland Weldon

We welcome a new guidance counselor to our school, Mr. John Harshbarger. He comes to us with several years of experience in the field of guidance. Whether you have an academic scheduling problem or just want someone to listen to you, Mr. Harshbarger is here to help you. We welcome him.

A new position, Dean of Students, is

filled this year by Mr. Larry Collins. Mr. Collins works with Mr. Birge to oversee daily attendance, contact substitute teachers and maintain discipline in the school. He is also the art instructor and yearbook sponsor.

A new athletic director has been named for this year. He is Mr. Jay Schatz. Mr. Schatz schedules all our athletic events.



John Harshbarger, Guidance  
Larry Collins, Art and Dean  
Jay Schatz, Athletic Director

Philip Blazier: Mathematics, Physics  
Kathy Bragg: Health, P.E., Driver's Ed  
Carolyn Brown: English, Spanish  
Bruce Cunningham: Social Studies

David Eatock: English, Biology  
Regina Isaac: Business, Computers  
Loretta Kidd: Librarian, English  
Danielle Max: Home Economics

Suzan Schlesinger: Band, Chorus  
Jerry Stiverson: Science  
Karen Tate: English  
Randy Waddell: Mathematics

NOT PICTURED:

Beth Stephens: Special Education





# Freshmen



The class of 2000 has arrived on the scene at Deland Weldon High. Starting a new millineum happens only every 1,000 years. Who knows the heights this class may reach in the years to come.

Class Officers: Betsy Twist, Jesse Barr, Brandy Baker, Jeanie Campbell, and Amanda Whisman. Class Sponsors: Mr. Waddell and Mrs. Brown.





Brandy Baker  
Jesse Barr  
Jeanie Campbell  
Chris Chrispen  
Chris Edrington

Rebecca Eshelman  
Joe Funderburk  
Mark Lubbers  
Katie McKinney  
Nikkie Perry

Gary Thompson  
Betsy Twist  
Amanda Whisman  
Sarah Wright  
David Zipprich

Not Pictured:  
Brett Seaman



Katie McKinney and Jeanie Campbell are eager to learn.



Troy Shumard at his desk in study hall.



Sarah Wright talks with Amanda Whisman before class

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# Sophomores

We are the class of 1999. As incredible as it may seem, we are going to lead our high school to the end of this millenium. Never again in recorded history will there be a class of "19 something". We bring an era to a close in the next two years. We promise that we will do a good job of it.

We had no control over being elected to this eventful development, but we will rise to the challenge to be number one as we close things out. We're the best.

Our class officers and sponsors lead us in our activities and plans. The fund raisers and class projects have been both a lot of work and a lot of fun. Go sophomores!



CLASS OFFICERS: Jessica Krause, Nick Dalton, Jennifer Barton, Amanda Thorman, Jessica Schaub  
Class Sponsors: Mr. Blazier and Ms. Isaac.





Abby Baker  
Jennifer Barton  
Becky Bennett  
Matthew Bennett  
Tim Burton



Darrell Bush  
Brad Collins  
Nicholas Dalton  
Jason Davis  
Christina Dingman



Jennifer Gaskin  
Don Hager  
Brett Hermann  
Stefanie Julius  
Jessica Krause



Levi Lawrence  
Sara McKinney  
Kathy Nichols  
Jessica Schaub  
Brandi Smith



Dennis Smith  
Shane Strange  
Amanda Thorman  
Jerrett Totten  
Brandon Whisman

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# Juniors

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rowing and changing, the class of '98 moved into the level of upperclassmen this year. The enthusiasm of this class is well known as we find our place of leadership in the school. Already, we are more than half way through our high school career, and we look forward to what the future holds for us. It is a year of planning and hard work. The class will work hard to have a beautiful prom for everyone to enjoy.

The members of our class play a big part in school athletics, other extra curricular activities and, of course, the school spirit that keeps us number one in attitude. We look forward to the day when we will be Seniors and lead the school. By the time you are reading these words, we will have reached that goal. We will do our best to be "number one" for our classmates and our school both now and in the future.



CLASS OFFICERS: (From left to right)  
Jacob Emberton, Alvin Baker, Carrie Crozier,  
Amanda Baker, (seated) Rachel Peterson.  
Class Sponsors: Mr. David Eatock, Mrs. Kathy  
Bragg, and Ms. Loretta Kidd (seated).





Joy Aguilera  
 Marikay Altes  
 Alvin Baker  
 Amanda Baker  
 Derek Baker



Sam Barton  
 Ami Brinkman  
 Jamie Bush  
 Hollie Cherry  
 Heath Conover



Carrie Crozier  
 Patrick Edrington  
 Jacob Emberton  
 Jennifer Fisher  
 Travis Hermann



Valerie Kissack  
 Richard Martin  
 Rachel Peterson  
 Doug Pine  
 Megan Reeser



Jarah Roos  
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# Student Life

Here are a few samples of the fun we have and the hard work we do to be number one.











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# Senior Class of 1997



The Senior Class of '97 Gets Together

This year's Senior Class has kept busy trying to raise enough money to go to Florida for our Senior trip. Raising funds for the trip is a major effort on everyone's part. The real trip that we are all about to embark upon is not to Florida, but into the world beyond high school. Looking back at our four years here at Deland Weldon, we have fond memories and many funny moments. We have developed friendships that will last a lifetime. Some of us will go to work, some of us will go on to college and some of us will move to far away places. No matter where we go or what we become, we will always remember with fondness the experiences and the people we have known here. Thanks for the good times. Best wishes, and good luck to everyone.



Senior Class Officers and Sponsors: (Left to Right Standing) Mrs. Suzan Schlesinger, Tracy Benson, Amy Atteberry, Wes Hiter, Mr. Bruce Cunningham, Anna Bush. (Kneeling) Jared Lofrano, Mr. Jay Schatz.

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Amy Atteberry



Grace Baker



Peggy Baylor



Tracy Benson



Wade Bjordahl



Anna Bush



Brad Duncan



Wesley Hiter



Kandice Kacey



Russell Lester



Jared Lofrano



Marissa Michael



David Nichols



Dee Jay Remmers



Nathan Rodgers



Andrew Sayers



Andrew Thorman



Michael Zipprich





Andrea Dalton



Kevin Westray

Not Pictured: Dustin Austin





# Senior Stats

## Andrea Dalton

### Activities:

Volleyball	1,2,3,4
Basketball	2
Lifesavers	1,2,3,4
Girls State	3
Band	1,2,3,4
Chorus	1,2,3,4
State Music Contest	1,2,3,4

### Interests:

Volleyball, reading, and being with my friends.

### Goals:

Graduate from college and get a good job

## Brad Duncan

### Activities:

Life Savers	1,2,3,4
Basketball	2,3,4
Student Council	2,3,4
Chess club	2
Chorus	1,2,3
Play	1,2,3

### Interest:

Basketball, law, watching my car in the driveway.

### Goals:

Attending college, dropping Deland-Weldon from my vocabulary. If that doesn't work I will start robbing Deland Casey's on a weekly basis in hopes that my car will finally get fixed.

## Russ Lester

### Activities:

Basketball	3
Track	3

### Goals:

To make a lot of money.

## Tracy Benson

### Activities:

Cheerleading	1
Volleyball	1,2,3,4
Volleyball Captain	4
Play	3,4
Band	1,2,3,4

Chorus	1,2,3,4
Music contest	1,2,3,4
Class secretary	3,4

### Interest:

Volleyball, jumping on my trampoline, and hanging out with my friends.

### Goals:

To finish college and get a good job. To be able to afford a brand new car like everyone else can or at least their parents can.

## Peggy Sue Baylor

### Activities:

Volleyball	1,2,3,4
Band	1,2,3,4
Chorus	1,2,3,4
Music contest	1,2,3,4
Honor student	3,4

### Interest:

Church, spending time with my family, talking to my friends, volleyball, and my pets.

### Goals:

To attend Parkland college in the fall, majoring in business, I plan on getting married to a wonderful guy and having kids, a cat and a dog. To the class of 1997, Good luck in all that you do. I will miss you all.

## Andrew Adam Sayers

### Activities:

Yearbook	4
FFA	1

### Interest:

Road trips, to party hard, girls, cars, and friends.

### Goals:

To be an auto-mechanic, and to make money.

## Kevin Westray

### Activities:

Basketball	1,2,3,4
Track	2,3
Student Council	1,2,3,4
President	4
Lifesavers	1,2,3
President	2

### Goals and Interests:

Having fun, basketball, driving my car. I plan to go to college, and move away from Deland. I want to return to Deland rich and Famous.

## Andy M. Thorman

### Activities:

Track	4
Band	1,2,3,4
Yearbook	4

### Interests:

Jarah, Music, cars, stereos, hanging with friends, going out to eat and to see movies.

### Goals:

To head a popular band. Realistically, to go to college, get a degree, and get a good, high paying job.

## Marissa E. Michael

### Activities:

Cheerleading	1,2
Class President	2
Volleyball	1,2,3,4
Student Council	2
Lifesavers	1,2,3,4

(V.P. 2 and President 4)

Band and Chorus	1,2,3,4
H.S. Play	1,2,3,4

### Goals:

Not to work at Hardees all my life!! I plan to attend Parkland and then transfer to the U of I for a major in Music Education. Who knows I may come back and take over for Mrs. Schlesinger. Naaah. To everyone at DWHS, good luck and, Travis, promise me that you will use a locker next year.

## Jared Lofrano

### Activities:

Scholastic Bowl	1,2,3,4
Play/Musical	1,2,3,4
Track	3,4
Class Treasurer	1,2,4
Class President	3
Band	1,2,3,4
NHS	2,3,4
Illinois State Scholar	4

### Interests:

Music, sports, cars, goin' cruisin', and hangin' out with my friends. I plan to attend ISU in the fall majoring in social studies and become a history teacher. I may find a girl and settle down.

## Amie Atteberry

### Activities:

Volleyball	1,2,3,4
Cheerleading	1,2,3,4
Scholastic Bowl	1,2,3,4
Student Council	1,2,3,4
Yearbook	2,4
Class Vice President	1,2,3,4
Band and Chorus	1,2,3,4

### Interests:

Spending time with friends, trying desperately to find a man, surfing the net, cruzin' the square and the "dog-bone"

### Goals:

Get as far away as I can and become a teenage psychologist so no one will become as screwed up as me.

## Kandice Kasey

### Activities:

Track	1,2
Wrestling	1,2
Volleyball	1,2,3
Soccer Manager	1,2,3
Band	1,2,3
Choir	1,2
Speech/Debate Club	2
Red Peppers Pep Club	2,3
French Club	1,2
Lifesavers (Treasurer)	4

### Interests:

Clothes, shopping, shoes

### Goals:

To graduate college, get a good job, get married and possibly move away.

## Michael Zipprich

### Activities:

Scholastic Bowl	3
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### Interests and Goals:

Martial arts, music, cars. I want to become one of the world's leading astrophysicists.

## Wade Bjordahl

### Activities:

Yearbook	4
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### Interests and goals:

I plan to go into the military and then go to college to become a law enforcement officer.

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# ONE number

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## In Volleyball



The DeLand - Weldon Girls' Volleyball team worked very hard this season and improved their over all record from the previous season. The team worked all summer learning new specialized hitting positions and serving and spiking skills. The Varsity team placed fourth in the Meridian Conference Tournament. Overall, the team worked very hard this season but still had a lot of fun. They hope to keep improving in the seasons to come.

Pictured below is Asst. Coach Karen Tate, Marissa Michael, Andrea Dalton, Coach Chris Wallace, Jarah Roos, Carrie Crozier, Jennifer Fisher, Amanda Baker, Amanda Thorman, Amy Atteberry, Tracy Benson, Peggy Baylor, and Jamie Bush.





# Eagles Play Hard

This year's captains were Tracy Benson and Amanda Thorman.



The seniors on this year's team were: Marissa Michael, Andrea Dalton, Peggy Baylor, Amy Atteberry, and Tracy Benson.

Pictured above (L-R, T-B) is Coach Chris Wallace, Sara McKinney, Jennifer Barton, Amanda Thorman, Asst. Coach Karen Tate, Brandi Smith, Valerie Kissack, Katie McKinney, Hollie Cherry, Jessica Krause, Betsy Twist, and Marikay Altes.



This team plays  
very hard, and  
they never quit.

# Girls Basketball

## Team improves with determination and desire

The basketball girls displayed a number one attitude this year. Their season had its ups and downs as most seasons do.

Because the program is young, the number of players was small, requiring the team members to play both JV and Varsity games the same night. The JV had success in winning four games during the season.

Everyone who saw the girls play were impressed with their dedication, stamina and effort.

Success in winning is also beginning. Congratulations, girls, for your hard work and unremitting effort. You make us proud.

Kathy and Sarah lace up their shoes in preparation for another practice.



The team is in action as Coach Isaac looks on from the sidelines.

At the athletic banquet the team is recognized and receive their awards.





The team lockers sported a lively basketball and net this season with each player's name and number.



Standing L-R: Hollie Cherry, Sarah McKinney, Coach Isaac, Jarah Roos, and Marikay Altes. Kneeling L-R: Jennifer Krause, Kathy Nichols, Jamie Bush and Betsy Twist.

Marikay holds a basketball as she warms up in the gym before practice.

The team huddles during a game to adjust the offense and hear from coach Isaac.



"We were in all but two or three games." Coach Corey

# Boys Basketball

## Squad continues to improve with two trophies

The boys basketball team enjoyed success this year winning two trophies for their efforts. The season started with an impressive showing in the Turkey Tournament at Atwood-Hammond. There, the team brought home the 2nd place trophy. They also placed third in the Meridian Conference Tournament. Many games were very close and could have become wins with a couple of breaks.



Ryan Sosamon catches the defense on his hip as he posts up.

The Junior Varsity squad had a winning season with 11 wins and 7 losses. They finished the season with strength by winning six of their last eight games. The team looks forward to next year with positive expectations. Congratulations to all the boys.

**In the hunt:** Eagles players surround the basket in a hard fought home game.



**JV Squad:** Travis Hermann (manager), Brad Collins, Matthew Bennett, Sam Barton, Nick Dalton, Mark Lubers, Chase Woods, Nathan Rogers, Brett Hermann, Jason Davis, Mike Twist, Joe Funderburk, Coach Cory





Wes Hiter and Kevin Westray call for the ball as the offense works its magic.



Coach Corey confers with the team during a time out.

**Varsity:** Brad Collins, Sam Barton, Brad Duncan, Nathan Rogers, Kevin Westray, Ryan Sosamon, Wes Hiter, Shane Strange, Chase Woods, Brett Hermann, Alvin Baker and Coach Corey. Kneeling is manager Travis Hermann.

Chase Woods goes high to the basket in a Junior Varsity effort.



# Coop Sports and Classes

Right: Jesse Barr, Chris Edrington and Ryan Sosamon represent Deland Weldon in Golf.

Below: Nick Dalton and Sam Barton hit the weights to play football.

Below Right: Jamie Bush played coop softball at Blue Ridge.



Below: Friday night Football action



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Blue Ridge  
Coop*



Jarrett Totten, Tim Burton and Darrell Bush attended classes at Blue Ridge. Not shown is Brett Seaman.



# Cheerleaders Are Number One!

Top row: Amanda Thorman, Brandi Smith, Captain Jamie Bush, Co-captain Amy Atteberry. Bottom row: Jessica Krause, Betsy Twist Jennifer Barton.

Below: "Eddie the Eagle" (Jared Lofrano) giving some spirit to the fans.



## Go Eagles!

It's game time, and the cheerleaders rev up the crowd to keep our school spirit number one!



# Girls Track

Right: Left to right: Coach John Baker, Brandy Baker, Carrie Crozier, Jarah Roos, Hollie Cherry, Sara McKinney, Jennifer Barton and Betsy Twist

Below: Brandy Baker stretches her long legs before the hurdles.



Above: Jarah Roos triple jumps.

Bottom left: Sara McKinney awaits the start of the hurdles



Bottom right: Coach Baker gives advice to team mates Carrie Crozier and Betsy Twist.





# Boys Track



Left: Left to Right: Mark Lubbers, Doug Pine, Jacob Emberton, Sam Barton, Chase Woods, Dennis Smith, Jared Lofrano, and Andrew Thorman. Kneeling: Coach Randy Waddell

Below: Mile runner Sam Barton awaits his race.



Above: Dennis Smith runs the 110 hurdles.



Bottom right: Jacob Emberton runs the 100 meter dash.

Bottom left: Senior Jared Lofrano is working overtime.



# 1997 Athletic Banquet

The 1997 Athletic Banquet was a lot of fun! People got awards in all of our sports. These sports are guys and girls basketball, girls volleyball, and guys and girls track. The sports that are at Blueridge are golf, softball, and football. We have some great athletes!

Below: Shane Strange, Kevin Westray, and Wes Hiter pose for a picture with their plaques that they won at the athletic banquet!



Above: Brad Duncan is getting the prize that he won, while everyone else looks like they are having a blast!



Above-Right: Travis Herman just recieved a letter for being the manager of the guys basketball team.

Right: Mr. Birge speaks to the crowd that gathered to recognize the Deland Weldon athletes.





Deland Weldon High School members of the National Honors Society are recognized at the annual honors reception. Jared Lofrano and Amy Atteberry welcome new members.

# Honors Reception '97

Students received Honors and High Honors pins or certificates for their excellence in academics on this special evening. New members were inducted into the National Honor Society. Eleven students received recognition for honors, and twenty students received awards for earning high honors. Mr. John Harshbarger, sponsor of the National Honor Society presented the awards. Students, parents and faculty were welcomed by Mr. John Baker, retired Deland Weldon Principal.



Above Left: Jared Lofrano and Adrea Dalton were awarded a thesaurus by the Board of Education.

Above: Students with high honors gather for an informal picture.

Left: New inductees to the National Honor Society smile because of their accomplishment. Congratulations! From left to right: Marikay Altes, Amanda Baker, Jarah Roos, Ryan Sosamon, Michael Twist, and Garin White.





# Homecoming Dance 1997

Right: The Homecoming Court!  
From left to right- Jarah Roos, Travis Hermann, Amanda Thorman, Shane Strange , Betsy Twist, Jessie Barr, Amy Atteberry, Wes Hiter, Adrienne Sosamon, Dave Moore, Tracy Benson, Jared Lofrano.



To the far right: The Homecoming Queen and King! Amy Atteberry and Wes Hiter. Smile you two!!

Above at the top: Hollie Cherry and Jacob Emberton seem to be nice and cozy!

Above: It looks like everyone is doing the Macarena!



Above: Rachel and Rob are very excited to be at the dance!







Left: Kevin and Carrie seem to be dancing the night away!



Below: Everyone in the Grand March line seems to be happy!



Left: What is Travis yelling about!!

Above: Dennis and date are having a blast dancing to one of our slower songs.



Above: Smile Dave and Tracy your picture is being taken!

Left: Michael Twist and Jessica Krause look like their having fun!

Queen: Amy Atteberry

King: Wes Hiter

Attendants:

FRESHMAN- Betsy Twist and  
Jessie Barr

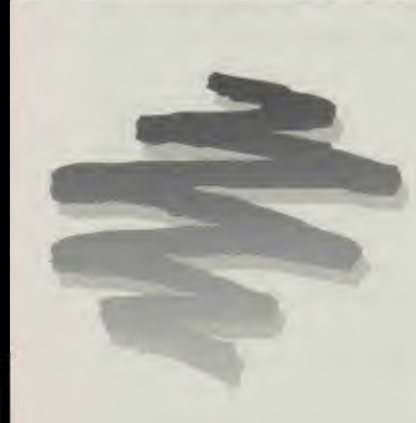
SOPHMORE- Amanda Thorman  
and Shane Strange

JUNIOR- Jarah Roos and Travis  
Hermann

SENIOR- Tracy Benson and Jared  
Lofrano

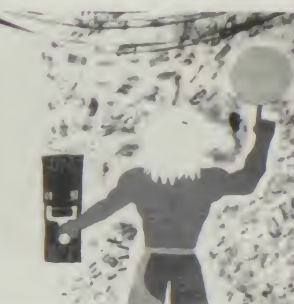


# Homecoming Fun





# Wall Decks and More





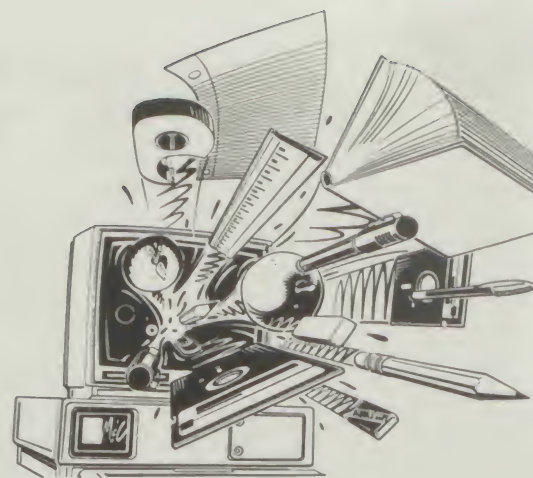


Yearbook Club: Back row: Valerie Kissack, Megan Reeser, Amy Atteberry, Amanda Baker, Jamie Bush, Carrie Crozier, Jarah Roos, Grace Baker, Hollie Cherry. Front row: Doug Pine, Russ Lester, Kevin Westray, Wes Hiter, Dee Jay Remmer, Sam Barton, Brandon Whisman, Andrew Thorman, Jacob Emberton, and Wade Bjordahl.

# Yearbook Club

## Student Council

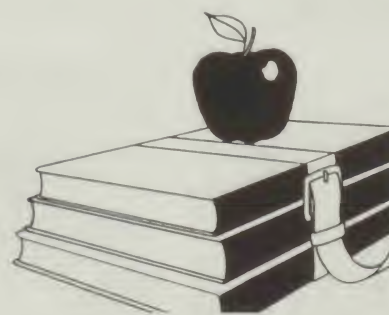
## Lifesavers Club



Above: Student Council. Back row: Jesse Barr, Carrie Crozier, Jennifer Barton, Jeanie Campbell, Nick Dalton, Brad Duncan, Jacob Emberton, Megan Reeser, Amanda Thorman. Front row: Ms. Isaac, sponsor, Wes Hiter, Kevin Westray, Amy Atteberry, and Travis Hermann.



Above: Lifesavers: Row 1: Marissa Michael, Amanda Thorman, Brad Duncan, Kandice Kasey, Andrea Dalton. Row 2: Sam Barton, Chris Edrington, Travis Hermann, Megan Reeser, Brandi Baker, Mr. Harshbarger, sponsor. Row 3: Joe Funderburk, Jessica Krause, Chase Woods, Jesse Barr, Jeanie Campbell, Katie McKinney. Row 4: Nick Dalton, Brett Herman, Brad Collins, and Becky Bennett.





# Scholastic Bowl



Varsity: Left to right, front row: Jared Lofrano, Amy Atteberry. Back Row: Coach John Harshbarger, Jacob Emberton, Alvin Baker, Ryan Sosamon, Michael Twist and Amanda Baker.

The varsity squad had a successful season with the high point being winning a match in the Parkland Challenge Tournament. There the Eagles narrowly lost (10 points) to Monticello, the eventual runner up squad in the tournament. The Junior Varsity squad continued to improve as the season progressed. The team looks forward to an even better season next year.

Close ups of scholastic bowl team members (right) Amanda Baker, Amy Atteberry and (far right) Jared Lofrano.



Above: Entire team poses. Back row: Coach Harshbarger, Jacob Emberton, Alvin Baker, Ryan Sosamon, Michael Twist, Amanda Baker, Jared Lofrano. Front row: Betsy Twist, Brandi Baker, Brett Hermann, Jennifer Barton, Amy Atteberry, Becky Bennett. In front: Doug Pine

Above: The team takes questions in practice.



# Band and Chorus

The Band and Chorus was busy as usual this year. With the trip, and practicing for our performances in the fall and spring, we were kept on our toes most of the year.

This year we went skiing in Iowa for our yearly trip. We had a lot of fun. The trip included skiing at Sun Down Mountain in Dubuque, Iowa. For those that did not care to ski, they took a shopping trip downtown. It was quite an adventure.

Middle: Clarinets hard at work.

Bottom: Full First semester Band.





Patrick adds his contribution to band class!!



Is everyone enjoying the ride home?



Jesse, Marissa, Travis, and Tracy are ready to ski!!

Hollie and Jake are resting on the way home.

Marissa and Tracy are taking the mountain by storm!!!





# Awards Assembly

This year at DeLand-Weldon there were quite a few awards to give out. This year was a good year for participation in sports, music and other extra-curricular activities.

The Music Department had a very good year at contests, and the track team has grown by quite a few people. We hope that participation next year will be the same!



ABOVE: Amanda Baker receives a Premier Girls State award. She will be attending Girls State Camp later in the summer.

RIGHT: Marissa Michael receives the Arion Music Award.



ABOVE: Amy Atchery receives the John Phillips Scout award for an outstanding year in music. Good job Amy!



ABOVE: Members of the music department that went to contests received awards for contest pieces.

RIGHT: The Girls Track Team had a very good year this year. (Not shown much - Mr. Baker)







LEFT: Jennifer Barton receives perfect attendance for the whole school year! Good job Jennifer!

Below: Mr. Hardburger and his schoolastic bowl team had an outstanding year. They even beat Monticello!



ABOVE: Kevin Westray recieved a plaque for serving the student body as Student Council President for this year.

LEFT: The Boys Track Team also had a good year! (Not shown coach - Mr. Wade.)

BELOW: Kevin Westray and Tracy Benson were chosen to receive the SAR/DAR award. Kevin and Tracy were also male and female athlete of the year.



ABOVE: Brandon Whisman receives a \$50 cash prize for winning first place in the Illinois Power art contest. His drawing will be put in the '98 I.P. Calendar! Congratulations Brandon.

LEFT: Ryan Sossamon Jarah Raso received the Army Scholar Athlete Award.





# School Play Spring 1997

This year's school music and drama team, led by Mrs. Suzan Schlesinger, presented the delightful musical, "Charlotte's Web." The musical was performed first for the entire elementary student body. It was presented again in the evening for the entire community. Many hours of fun and hard work went into doing this performance, and it all came out just great. Everyone, who attended the production had some good laughs and left with a nice feeling. It was a great success..



Above: Discussion in the barnyard.

Right: Back stage Wilbur (Travis Hermann) and Homer (Michael Twist) pose for a picture.

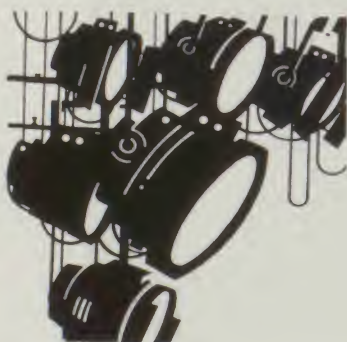


Above: Michael Twist and Brandi Smith take a bow after the performance.



Above: The cast poses for a group picture before the performance.

Right: Everyone prepares to go to the fair.





Below: Charlotte and Wilbur meet people at the fair.



Below: Everyone hopes Wilbur will get first place in the judging.



Above: The cast (L to R) Amanda Whisman, Tracy Benson, Betsy Twist, Jessica Krause, Michael Twist, Chris Edrington, Becky Bennett, Valerie Kissack, Travis Hermann, Marissa Michael, Pat Edrington, Jared Lofrano, Joe Funderburk, Brandi Smith, Katie McKinney, Brandon Whisman, Hollie Cherry perform for the elementary school.

Left: Martha's Backyard

Left: Simply Charlotte



Below: Brandi Smith, Garin White, Chase Woods and Jennifer Barton all enjoy watching the proceedings.

# Prom 1997

The Junior Class put on a prom at The Farmer City Country Club. The theme this year was The Midnight Masquerade. The room was decorated with palm trees and masquerade masks. Meals consisted of roast beef and chicken cordon bleu. Music was provided by Music in Motion.

This year's Prom Queen was Tracy Benson. The Prom King was Andrew Thorman.

The seniors enjoyed their last Prom together. Some said it was the best Prom they had ever attended.



Above: The meal was very good and the dancing that followed was enjoyed by everyone.

Above Right: Ryan Sosamon and Travis Hermann "Stayin' Alive" at Prom.

Right: Many couples dancing their first slow dance of the night.







Left: Amy Atteberry and Brad Duncan enjoy themselves while doing the senior Stats.



Below: Holly Cherry and Amanda Baker announce the King and Queen of the '97 Prom.



Left Clockwise: Jarah, Travis, Jennifer, Brad, Ryan and Michael enjoy putting the dance floor to use.

Above: Valerie Kissack and Megan Reeser enjoy announcing the Senior Prophecies.



Left: Peggy Baylor with her date Brett Hermann enjoy dancing together.

Above: Dee Jay Remmers with date Tisha Davis



# Prom Candids









# Senior Trip

This year's senior trip was filled with exciting new things. We saved enough money to go to Florida.

BELOW: The senior class before the trip at 2:00 in the morning.



ABOVE: Another fun day at Coco Beach.

FAR RIGHT: Wade, Nathen, and Jared at NASA.

RIGHT: The bus ride to Indy.







LEFT: Waiting for the ride to Indy.

BELOW: Tracy and Peggy await while Mr. Smith buys gas.



FAR LEFT: Dave as he sleeps in the van ride to NASA

ABOVE: Micheal drooling as he sleeps in Florida

LEFT: Jared and Andy wake up.



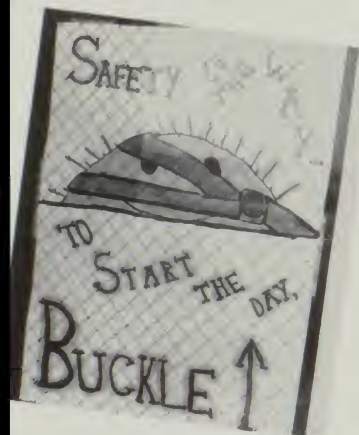


# Cash is Cool!

Operation Cool Seatbelt Safety Program was a great success at Deland Weldon High this year. 70% of students wore their belts and were awarded \$1,500.00! That's "cool."



## Cool Candida





# Board of Education Close Ups 1997

The Deland-Weldon School Board has seven members. The president is Russ Smith who has been on the board for 5 1/2 years. Russ and his wife Barb live in rural Deland where he farms and works as a team member in produce at Meijer in Champaign. He has two children: Todd (24), and Kristen (21), and three step children: Tricia (26), Shannon (22), and Shawn (22). The Vice President is Mary Atteberry, who has been on the board longest at 7 1/2 years. Mary and her husband, Lynn, reside in rural Clinton where she is a farm wife and works as a registration clerk at Decatur Memorial Hospital. She has two children: Derek (22), and Amy (17). The secretary of the board is Joyce Shofner, who has served for 5 1/2 years. Joyce and her husband, Dan, reside in Lakewood Addition and are broker/owners of connections Real Estate in Clinton. She has three children: Jered (28), Tammy (24), and Joshua (20). The other members include Dean bush, who has been on the board for 3 1/2 years. Dean and his wife, Kathy, reside in Deland and have two children: Jamie (17) and Jacqui (15). Dean works as an Operations Manager at Monticello Grain Company. Jim Barton has also been on the board for 3 1/2 years. Jim and his wife, Barb, live in Lakewood Addition. He works as a shipping co-ordinator at Pioneer in LeRoy and has six children: Michelle (32), Matt (29), Melinda (27), Monica (26), Sam (17), and Jennifer (15). Another member, Debra Dalton, has been on the board of 1 1/2 years. Debbie and her husband, Clay, reside in Deland and have three children: Brandon (18), Nick (15), and Hillary (9). She works as an admitting clerk at Kirby Hospital. Last, but not least is Nancy Remmers who has been on the board for 1 1/2 years. Nancy and her husband, John, reside in rural Weldon where she is a homemaker/farm wife. She has three children, Robert (29), Candace (21), and Dee Jay (18). The students, teachers, staff, administrators, and the community wish to say thank you to these people who give of themselves to have a good school and provide a quality education for our young people. Thank you, members of the board of education.



## The Internet is Coming



Left: Students and faculty in the computer lab anticipate the services of the internet next year at Deland Weldon School. The school will have a direct satellite link to the world wide web. Any subject you can imagine will be only a few key strokes away. Final arrangements are being made at this printing.





# 1997 Graduation

Jared Lofrano, was Valedictorian of the Deland Weldon High School senior class at the Graduation Exercises held Saturday, May 31, 1997 at the high school. Amy Atteberry was the Salutatorian . Twenty seniors graduated as hundreds of family members and friends gathered to participate in the exercise. Adresses given by Jared and Amy spoke of the experiences they have had while here at Deland Weldon High, and of the future challenges that lie before the class of 1997. On these pages are scenes from that moment in time when these students moved their tassels and began a new and exciting venture in their lives. Best wishes and good luck to each member of the senior graduating class of 1997.







## "Remember Me This Way"



Above: Amy Atteberry and Jared Lofrano are awarded the Presidential Academic award and Peggy Baylor is awarded the Presidential Most Improved Award.



Above: Jared Lofrano receives a scholarship from the DWEA president, Mr. David Eatock.



Above: Jared Lofrano receives the Valedictorian award.



Above: Amy Atteberry receives the Salutatorian award.



Above: Tracy Benson receives the Daughters of the American Revolution award.



Above: Kevin Westray receives the Sons of the American Revolution award.



Above: Andrea Dalton receives the Masons award.



Above: Peggy Baylor receives the American Legion Citizenship Award for girls.



Above: Jared Lofrano receives the American Legion Citizenship Award for boys.



Above: Amy Atteberry receives the Dewitt County 4-H award.

# Graduating Class of 1997





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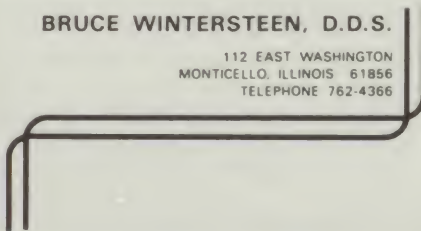
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